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MINUTES Special Council Meeting via Zoom—February 4, 2021 Page 1

A Council meeting of the Douglass Hills City Council was called to order by Mayor Bonnie Jung at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 4, 2021 via Zoom. Members of the Council in attendance were Bill Middleton, Jeff Riddle, Patti Eubanks, Denise Scarpellini, Matthew Nelson and Neil Sandefur, City Clerk Clay Porter, City Treasurer Holly Sanford, City Attorney John Singler and Public Works Burke Davis were also in attendance.

POLICE REPORT

Officer Darrell Spurgeon, of **Off-Duty Police Services**, was absent from meeting. Mayor Jung stated that CARES Act money expired 12/31/2020. Patrols will resume at 80-100 hours per month. Mr. Riddle stated that he was concerned with cars parked on the street while Public Works was trying to plow snow.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the **January 7, 2020** Council meeting were put on the table. Mr. Middleton made a **motion** to accept the minutes; seconded by Mr. Riddle. The **motion** passed 6-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Nelson moved to accept the **December 2020** Treasurer's report; seconded by Mrs. Scarpellini. The **motion** passed unanimously 6-0. Mrs. Sanford stated that a new CARES ACT application will be going out next week.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT Mr. Burke Davis reported that Public Works has been working on plowing snow around the City. Mr. Davis stated that he had been working with Precision Concrete Cutters on repairs that need to be made to Farmingham Road sidewalks. Also, Mr. Davis is learning how to use the valves at the swim pool in case of an emergency.

GUEST SPEAKER- None

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS- Mrs. Arlene Lovas expressed gratitude to the City and Public Works for the impressive job of snow removal. Mr. Jerry McGraw spoke in regard to the Safety Committee. He stated that the Safety Committee will be having a meeting on **02/14/2021 @ 5:00PM** via Zoom. Mr. McGraw stated that he thought the new reflective strips on stop signs look great. He wished that the stop signs themselves were more reflective. Mr. McGraw spoke about the speed sign data for Whiteheath Lane and Burnsdale Road. The data indicates truly little speeding had occurred. Mr. McGraw communicated with the folks on Farmingham Road who were concerned about the road opening to the Enclaves development. He stressed that a decision

to open the road would not be made by the City Council until the last home is built in the Enclaves. Mr. McGraw stated that the Safety Committee is reviewing option to install video cameras at all of Douglass Hills city entrances.

MAYOR JUNG'S REPORT

- Mayor Jung took the time to thank Mrs. Scarpellini and Mr. Middleton for donating furniture for the police rest station at City Hall.
- Mayor Jung stated that the Jefferson County League of Cities will be having the new Metro Louisville Police Chief as guest speaker on 02/18/2021.
- Mayor Jung informed the City Council that an Eagle Scout will be building a Monarch Butterfly Station that will be 16 x 10 in the Warren Walker Park.
- Mayor Jung stated that the surge tank construction is complete. Kingsbury Concrete will be doing all necessary caulking around the swim pool.
- Mayor Jung stated that the last snow event cost \$4,600 for plowing by Miller Company. She said citizens are still parking in the street. This is making it difficult for the snowplows.
- Mayor Jung informed the City Council about a water leak at Bob's shop. The last bill from Louisville Water Co was \$11,000.
- The City Treasurer is still working on the annual city audit.
- Mayor Jung had attorney John Singler discuss the open space lawsuit. Mr. Singler stated he filed for 29 open spaces within Douglass Hills municipal boundaries. He is hoping to get a warning order and an attorney assigned to the case. The goal is to have a Commission's Deed conveying these open spaces into Douglass Hills name. These parcels will remain exempt from property taxes.
- The Commonwealth of Kentucky has mailed the Rubber Stamp Letter which is a cost-of-living adjustment of 1.4% for all elected officials.
- AT&T has found a location for the new fiber junction box for phase one of Douglass Hills rollout.
- Mayor Jung will be meeting with John Gossell to discuss Douglass Hills coyote problems. Mr. Gossell has a permit through Kentucky Fish & Wildlife Department to trap or shoot coyotes.
- Metro Louisville is amending the Land Development Code. Douglass Hills will need to approve this amendment.
- Mayor Jung discussed House Bill 309 which would change the Louisville Mayor race to nonpartisan. There are 416 cities in Kentucky and 409 of them have nonpartisan mayors. House Bill 309 also addresses oversight board for Louisville Metro Police Department.


OLD BUSINESS- None

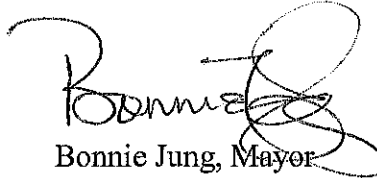
NEW BUSINESS- **RESOLUTION #1, 2021 MOTOR FUEL TAX.** Mr. Singler stated that a bill has come forward in the Kentucky Legislature that would change the allocation of money for Road Fund. He stated that the formula has not changed since 1949. The bill would mean more for the small cities of Kentucky. Mrs. Scarpellini made a **motion** to pass **RESOLUTION #1, 2021 MOTOR FUEL TAX.** The **motion** was seconded by Mr. Sandefur. The **motion** passed unanimously with a 6-0 vote.

ADJOURMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Middleton moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mrs. Eubank. The vote was 6-0 unanimous, and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Clay Porter, City Clerk


Bonnie Jung, Mayor